

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 3, 2005

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 3, 2005 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, Michigan.

Roll Call: Present: Comrs. Bolger, Miller, Moore, Segal, Solis, Strowbridge and Todd.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Comr. Solis; followed by Invocation, given by Comr. Todd.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM:

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the February 3, 2005 agenda and addendum, as amended, with deletion of Item 8.B. (23) - Potawatomi Resource Conservation and Development Council Appointments.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS' TIME:

Mr. Jerry Keller, Battle Creek resident, addressed delay in plowing the roads.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

“Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week” Proclamation

Chairman Miller read and presented the following proclamation to Battle Creek Area Transportation Study Executive Director Patricia Karr.

Res. 13-2005

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Segal, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following proclamation:

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WHEREAS, February 13-19, 2005 has been declared National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the best thing families can do to safeguard the health and well being of their children is to establish safety habits that set a pattern for safety for the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, even though child passenger protection laws in Michigan and all other states and the District of Columbia require proper restraints and safety belt use for children, many children are still not properly restrained; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has more stringent child restraint laws requiring children to be in child seats until 4 years of age, and buckled up regardless of where they sit in the vehicle until 16 years of age; and

WHEREAS, parents, guardians and care-givers must make sure that children under age 13 always ride in the back seat of vehicles, buckled up or properly installed in child safety seats/booster seats/seat belts, as appropriate, away from front seat air bags.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Benjamin A. Miller, Chairman of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim support for National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, and urge all citizens to buckle up every child properly in an approved restraint, or seat belt, as applicable, every time a child rides in a vehicle. Let us all help spread these important child safety messages. The Board of Commissioners calls upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals and schools in Calhoun County to observe this week with appropriate resolutions and ceremonies.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Ms. Karr advised that the focus this year is for increased and proper usage of booster seats.

“Wear Red For Women Day” Proclamation

Comr. Segal read the following proclamation into the record.

Res. 14-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Solis, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners celebrates the extraordinary progress in women’s heart health and recognizes that more needs to be done in Calhoun County to

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safeguard women's health for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, heart disease is the #1 killer of women and one in three American women die of heart disease; and

WHEREAS, most women do not know that heart disease is a women's problem and they do not take it seriously; and

WHEREAS, the risk factors for heart disease are smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, overweight/obesity, physical inactivity, diabetes, a family history of early heart disease, and age; and

WHEREAS, women can promote their own heart health and prevent disease and illness by taking steps to prevent and control the heart disease risk factors; and

WHEREAS, keeping women healthy and promoting awareness of women's health issues, including heart health, is an important responsibility and depends on the actions of many organizations and groups in our community; and

WHEREAS, women's health remains a priority for families, communities, and government, and our commitment to keeping women healthy is stronger than ever; and

WHEREAS, The Heart Truth Campaign and its Red Dress Symbol are building awareness of women's heart disease risk and empowering them to reduce their risk and prevent heart disease.

THEREFORE, Calhoun County women need to take action to make heart health a priority for themselves and their families, become aware of their heart disease risk, and take action to control their risk.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chairman Ben Miller, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 4 as **“Wear Red for Women Day”** and encourage all citizens to work together to promote and improve the health of women and increase awareness and understanding of women and heart disease.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Comr. Segal advised that tomorrow the Minority Health Partnership shall commence a month long awareness campaign; further, that today in Lansing was Wear Red Day and tomorrow there shall be a press conference at the Burnham Brook Center to start the awareness month in Calhoun County.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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Res. 15-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following February 3, 2005 Consent Agenda, as amended, with deletion of Item B. (23) - Potawatomi Resource Conservation and Development Council Appointments:

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Resolution received from Newaygo County supporting Rosswell Fulton for the Director at Large position on the Michigan Association of Counties Board of Directors. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons)

B. Resolutions:

- (1) Administrator’s Review Workshop Appointments
(Terms Shall Expire December 31, 2005)
 - {a} Gregory Moore, Chairman
 - {b} Jase Bolger
 - {c} Kate Segal
- (2) Area Agency on Aging Governing Board of Directors Re-appointment
(Term Shall Expire December 31, 2005)
 - {a} Kate Segal
- (3) Battle Creek Area Transportation Study Policy Committee Appointments
(Terms Shall Expire December 31, 2005)
 - {a} Terris Todd
 - {b} Gregory Moore -- Alternate
- (4) Board Parliamentarian Appointment
(Term Shall Expire December 31, 2006)
 - {a} Eusebio Solis

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- (5) 2006 Budget Committee Appointments
 - {a} Kate Segal, Chairperson
 - {b} Eusebio Solis
 - {c} Gregory Moore

- (6) Calhoun/Barry Voluntary Mortgage Review Board Appointments
(Terms Shall Expire December 31, 2006)
 - {a} Jerry Robinson
 - {b} Jase Bolger

- (7) Calhoun County Agricultural and Industrial Society Liaison Appointment
(Term Shall Expire December 31, 2006)
 - {a} Eusebio Solis

- (8) Calhoun County Agricultural Preservation Board Re-appointment
(Term Shall Expire December 31, 2005)
 - {a} Gregory Moore

- (9) Calhoun County Retirement Committee Appointments
 - {a} Daniel Strowbridge -- Term Shall Expire December 31, 2005
 - {b} Gregory Moore -- Alternate (Term Shall Expire December 31 2005)
 - {c} Reggie LaGrand – Appointed Officials’ Representative

- (10) Community Action Agency of South Central Michigan Governing Board of Directors
Re-appointment (Term Shall Expire December 31, 2006)
 - {a} Benjamin Miller

- (11) Community Corrections Advisory Board Appointments
(Terms Shall Expire December 31, 2005)
 - {a} Daniel Strowbridge -- Board of Commissioners Representative
 - {b} Eusebio Solis -- Alternate

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- (12) Downtown Development Authority (Battle Creek) Appointment
(Term Shall Expire December 31, 2005)
 - {a} Terris Todd -- Alternate

- (13) Drainage Board Appointment
(Term Shall Expire December 31, 2006)
 - {a} Eusebio Solis

- (14) Emergency Telephone District Board Appointments
(Terms Shall Expire December 31, 2005)
 - {a} Daniel Strowbridge -- County Commissioner Representative
 - {b} Jase Bolger -- Alternate

- (15) Emmett Township Local Development Financing Authority Re-appointment
(Term Shall Expire December 31, 2006)
 - {a} Gregory Moore

- (16) Employee Recognition and Relations Committee Appointments
(Terms Shall Expire December 31, 2005)
 - {a} Kate Segal
 - {b} Gregory Moore
 - {c} Benjamin Miller

- (17) Friends of the Ott Committee Executive Board Re-appointment
(Term Shall Expire December 31, 2005)
 - {a} Gregory Moore

- (18) Goguac Lake Board Re-appointment
(Term Shall Expire December 31, 2005)
 - {a} Kate Segal -- County Commission Representative

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- (19) Homer Lake Management Board Appointment
(Term Shall Expire December 31, 2005)
 - {a} Eusebio Solis

- (20) Legislative Liaisons Appointments
(Terms Shall Expire December 31, 2005)
 - {a} Kate Segal, Chairperson
 - {b} Greg Purcell
 - {c} Wendee Woods -- Alternate
 - {d} Terris Todd
 - {e} Gregory Moore

- (21) Metropolitan Planning Commission Appointment
(Term Shall Expire December 31, 2006)
 - {a} Gregory Moore

- (22) Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission Appointments
 - {a} Kenneth Ponds - Term Shall Expire December 31, 2006
 - {b} Benjamin Miller - Term Shall Expire December 31, 2006
 - {c} Allen Garbrecht - Term Shall Expire December 31, 2005

- (23) United Way FEMA Board Appointments
(Terms Shall Expire December 31, 2006)
 - {a} Terris Todd
 - {b} Benjamin Miller

- (24) Information Technology Executive Committee Appointment
(Term Shall Expire December 31, 2006)
 - {a} Jase Bolger -- Board of Commissioners' Representative'

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS:

Employee Recognition and Relations Committee

Committee Chairperson Segal advised that the February birthday luncheon at Pastrami Joe's in Marshall is donated by Commissioner Bolger, and requested he draw the winner.

Comr. Segal announced the winner to be Ivan Head.

Senior Millage Allocation Committee

Comr. Bolger reported that he attended his first Senior Millage Allocation Committee meeting and was very impressed with the Committee. Comr. Bolger stated that he looks forward to learning more with the Committee and thanked the Chairman for appointing him to the Committee.

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller's Report

Calhoun County Master Land Use Plan

County Administrator/Controller Greg Purcell advised that Ms. Bomba, Mr. Russ Wicklund and Planning Commission members are present to address the Plan.

Planning Director Jennifer Bomba advised that the Planning Department and the Planning Commission have been working on the Plan for the past 18 months to 2 years. Ms. Bomba introduced Consultant Russ Wickland to address the process involved; and Planning Commission Members present, Larry Rizer, Clarence Millard and Daniel Kesselring.

Mr. Wickland advised that in 2001 there were amendments to the County Planning Act which changed the process for adoption and amendment of master plans. The intent of the amendments was to provide for a 20 year plan which is to be reviewed every 5 years, and to provide for increased cooperation between local units of government regarding land use planning. Public Act 264 requires that the County Planning Commission develop the Plan and the County Board of Commissioners review the draft plan and approve it for distribution to all local units of government within and adjacent to Calhoun County for review and comment. Mr. Wickland stated that a 65 day comment period is provided, after which the Planning Commission will address any comments received and hold a public hearing. After the hearing, the Planning Commission is charged with the final adoption of the Master Plan.

Ms. Bomba addressed the maps; e.g., regional, county and neighborhood, advising that at the neighborhood level a series of meetings have been conducted with local officials and stakeholders. Ms. Bomba stated that the Plan looks at the resources available; i.e., wetlands, flood plains and wood lands, and establishes some policies regarding zoning of resource areas. Ms. Bomba continued that in reviewing the resources the Planning

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Commission looked at how they relate to what the local units of government have for zoning and feels confident that the local plans are fairly consistent with the Master Plan.

Comr. Bolger advised that he serves on the Marshall Airport Board which is considering a runway extension, and inquired how such an extension would interact with the Master Plan. Ms. Bomba responded that the detail of that issue may be too specific for the county Plan, which is a broad-vision plan; however, that the Planning Department can study that area.

Comr. Moore thanked Ms. Bomba, the Community Development Department and Planning Commission members for working on the Plan, stating that he appreciates all the work, the detail and the focus of the Plan.

Mr. Purcell asked Ms. Bomba whether she is available to provide presentations regarding the Plan to service organizations. Ms. Bomba responded Yes.

Ms. Bomba advised that the Plan shall be going out in CD format; however, that a hard copy can be acquired by contacting the Department or can be accessed on the Department's website.

Res. 16-2005

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Draft Calhoun County Master Land Use Plan for dissemination to all necessary local units of government for review and comment per the County Planning statute, as recommended by the Calhoun County Metropolitan Planning Commission.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Road Commission, Board of Public Works, and Park Trustees FY 2004, 2005 and 2006
Financial Auditing Services Bid Award

Mr. Purcell stated that Ms. Tabiadon is present to address a three-year auditing services agreement.

Road Commission Deputy Managing Director Carol Tabiadon advised that the Road Commission Board has approved the award recommendation. Ms. Tabiadon reported that the Road Commission received one bid refusal, and a bid from the Michigan Department of Treasury; however, that the State's bid did not include any work for the Board of Public Works or the Park Trustees. Ms. Tabiadon advised that the only audit firm that bid on all three components was Rehmann Robson Certified Public Accountants who have performed the audit for the previous seven years.

Res. 17-2005

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the

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Calhoun County Board of Commissioners award the bid for FY 2004, 2005 and 2006 Financial and Compliance Audits for the Calhoun County Road Commission, the Calhoun County Board of Public Works, and the Calhoun County Board of Park Trustees to Rehmann Robson Certified Public Accountants, as recommended by the Calhoun County Road Commission Board.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

2004 and 2005 Remonumentation Program Agreements

Mr. Purcell advised that the Planning Department was able to secure some supplemental funding under the 2004 grant.

Res. 18-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the 2004 Supplemental Remonumentation Grant Program Agreements between Calhoun County and Robert R. Carr; Crane Land Surveying, P.C.; Kebs Inc.; Frederick J. Cutcher, P.S.; and Carr & Associates Land Surveying; also the 2005 Remonumentation Grant Program Agreements between Calhoun County and Robert R. Carr; Williams & Works, Inc.; Carr & Associates Land Surveying; Brian Reynolds, P.S.; Frederick J. Cutcher, P.S.; Kebs Inc.; and Crane Land Surveying, P.C.; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute said Agreements on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Employees’ Life Insurance Joinder Agreement Amendment

Human Resource Coordinator Jennifer Buciencki advised that on December 16, 2004 the Board approved the Command Officer’s Association of Michigan labor agreement, and that one of the changes to the agreement had been a change in the amount of life insurance; therefore, the insurance joinder agreement requires amendment.

Res. 19-2005

“Motion by Comr. Todd, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Amendment to the Joinder Agreement for Group Life Insurance through Lafayette Life Insurance Company to be effective January 1, 2005, as recommended by the Human Resource Department; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute said Amendment on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Conservation Partnership Initiative Project Grant Application

Mr. Purcell advised that the grant application is in the amount of \$320,000.

Manure Management Specialist Natalie Rector advised that the grant application for remittance to the United States Department of Agriculture is for funding to continue the manure management work the Extension Office conducts. Ms. Rector further advised that the focus of the project shall be on the St. Joseph Watershed to network local farm partners for improved land application practices for livestock manure.

Res. 20-2005

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Conservation Partnership Initiative Project Grant Application in the amount of \$320,000 for remittance to the U.S. Department of Agriculture; further authorize the Board Chairman to execute said Grant Application on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

CITIZENS' TIME:

Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, advised that he attended a Township meeting where there had been discussion regarding expenditure of \$12,000 for dispatching through a national grant with the City of Battle Creek.

Comr. Strowbridge advised that he attended the meeting, however, believes the discussion pertained to a \$750,000 homeland security grant which was acquired through the Calhoun County fire departments. Comr. Strowbridge stated that the grant requires a 30 percent match and where the funding shall go has not been determined yet. Comr. Strowbridge advised that if the Township uses some of those funds, the Township must come up with some match.

Mr. Berezonsky stated that he is curious how those funds shall be spread between the jurisdictions, and inquired whether Commissioner Strowbridge believes a determination regarding how the funds shall be distributed will be determined by the end of April. Comr. Strowbridge responded “Probably.”

Planning Commission Member Larry Rizer expressed appreciation to the Board for approving the draft Master Plan. Mr. Rizer stated that he believes it is important to determine ways to provide incentives to support farmland and open space preservation. Mr. Rizer advised of an attempt to pass a millage for funding for a farmland preservation program in Barry County, which was defeated, although supported by 40 percent of the voters. Mr. Rizer further advised of a Cool County grant, and stated that Calhoun County is in a position where it could partner with Albion, Marshall and Battle Creek on a joint grant application for a Cool County grant to

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get the linear park trailways linked to the Lakes. Mr. Rizor urged the Board to pursue these initiatives and put the issues before the voters.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME:

Comr. Todd reminded District 2 residents having a birthday in February to send him their name, address and date of birth for the birthday drawing this month whereby he can take someone out to lunch.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTINGS:

Res. 21-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$424,698.08 for the week of January 21, 2005; further, approve payment of the lists of claims against the county in the total amounts of \$562,062.41 and \$256,549.35 for the week of January 25, 2005.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Miller announced that February 11 is Sheriff Byam's birthday. Asst. County Administrator Wendee Woods advised that Commissioner Segal also has a birthday in February.

RECESS:

The Board recessed at 7:52 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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